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Welcome to the Changing Future

MDSS prides itself on continually moving forward into the future and being prepared.

One of our proudest achievements this year was the success of our Third Party Verification with 100% success rate. This verification entitles us to move into the future with the new NDIS.

This successful process was due to the dedication of key staff that spent many hours diligently ensuring that we had all systems in place and ready to go.

To be the best and to deliver the best services to our clients, we also identified a deficit in our financial department's ability to deliver a system more suited to the coming changes with the NDIS. And so to make us ready for the change, MDSS contracted a financial consultant who had experience in the disability field of finances and so could understand our needs to lead us into the future

The challenges we are encountering on our journey, are increasing our knowledge and our sustainability. We move into the future with confidence.

With the goal post being changed by the government, redirection was called for and so the need was recognised to raise our profile and let the people of Mudgee know more about us. Previously, we had kept a low profile with referrals being made by Ageing Disability and Home Care who knew who we were and how well we did our job. But now it is up to our organisation to put ourselves out there and let the community know just how well we can meet the needs of clients with a disability so that they can make an informed choice of which organisation will be better suited to their goals.

We welcome in the New Year, as we know that 2016 will be an important year for our current clients and for the new clients that may enter our service. We are here to support, inform and empower people with a disability and to give everyone a voice and most importantly, choice.

So Merry Christmas to one and all, and we are looking forward to helping you reach your goals in 2016!

Regards

Christine Puxty, CEO

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party this year will be held at Mealey Centre for all family and friends that would like to celebrate with us!

By popular demand we will be having a 'traditional' dinner consisting of turkey and baked veggies as well as a sausage sizzle with salad, and of course a variety of desserts!

Invitations will be going out shortly and we hope that everyone will be able to attend.



Programs:

MDSS runs so many different programs for all clients that wish to attend and everyone is welcome to choose any program that they like.

Each month we hand out a social calendar and an individual calendar with programs that we are running. The client then chooses which programs they would like to attend so that they have complete control in what they would like to do.

MDSS prides themselves on such flexibility and we always welcome suggestions and feedback on all programs.



2015 – 2016 Programs

- Bathurst Tenpin Bowling Championships
- Currajong Swimming Carnival
- Partnership with TAFE Mudgee for a 12 month course
- First Aid course with Real First Aid
- Annie the Musical (2 sold out shows)
- Sydney Excursion
- Gulgong Show Entrants and awards
- Mealey Centre Day Programs full to capacity
- Sport and Recreation Disability Sport a Month
- Zumba Classes at Countryfit Gym
- New Group Cooking Program
- Wednesday Swimming Group (3.00pm - 5.30pm)
- Friday Fun Day (3.00pm - 5.30pm)
- Monthly social dinners to Club Mudgee and other restaurants (5.30pm - 7.45pm)
- Monthly social movie and takeaway night (5.30pm - 7.45pm)
- Technology Program (computers, iPad, mobile phone etc)
- Dramability Group
- Farm visits
- Partnership with TAFE Mudgee for courses throughout 2016
- Mudgee Dramability featuring Willy Wonka the Musical in October
- Plans for a new Day Programs centre
- Bunnings Program
- Sport a Month – Football and NRL

And so much more!





Important Dates:

- Christmas Party - Thursday 17th December
- Last day of Social Programs – Thursday 17th December
- Last day of Community Participation programs is – 17th December
- Individual programs will continue throughout the Christmas break excluding Public Holidays.

All programs return on January 18th 2016.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

